

## CHESAPEAKE BAY MAY BE FISHLESS

Industry Is in Danger of Destruction, Is Burden of Official Reports.

### BLAME ON EXCESSIVE CATCH

Action by Maryland and Virginia in Co-Operation With United States Is Urged.

Washington, September 9.—According to official reports, the fisheries industry of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, including the Potomac River, is doomed to destruction, unless the Federal Government and the States of Maryland and Virginia can provide effective means for the adequate protection of the fish by the right enforcement of existing laws and regulations governing the placing of fish nets and traps in those waters, and such additional legislation as may be deemed necessary to meet the situation.

Considerable correspondence on the subject has passed between the Secretary of War and Commerce and the Secretaries of the States of Maryland and Virginia. It appears that the efforts of the War Department, have been directed mainly to preserving the navigability of the waters under its jurisdiction, and that it has had difficulty in preventing the encroachments of the nets across the mouths of various streams, in order to leave space enough for the passage of steamboats and other vessels.

**Inquiry by Army Engineers.**  
At the instance of the Secretary of Commerce, the army engineers in charge of public works in the waters of Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, made special investigations of reported violations of the laws and regulations governing the placing of fish nets in those waters. In their reports these officers agree that "the decrease in the numbers of fish in Chesapeake Bay is due to the excessive sealing and destruction of fish by the fertilizer factories." According to the reports, "the only remedy is a law which will prevent the taking of fish from the waters of Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries for other purposes than food, and prohibiting their use by fertilizer."

"The excessive catch used by the fertilizer factories," said the chief of engineers, in summarizing the reports of the engineers, "can readily be established by a little investigation, and also by the fact that they take the fish at any and all times and from all places without regard to propagation or supply for future years."

This officer further stated that the only remedy will be the enactment of a law by the Maryland Legislature preventing the use of fish by the fertilizer factories, and prohibiting the taking of fish from the waters of Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries for other purposes than food, and prohibiting their use by fertilizer."

**Shores Lined With Nets.**  
The most probable cause of the diminishing number of fish in the upper waters would appear to be the excessive amount caught in the lower part of Chesapeake Bay. The shores of the bay itself and most of its tributaries are almost completely lined with fish stakes, which extend far out from the shore, and besides these, there are boats fishing with seine, so that it is almost wonderful that any fish at all escape to reach the upper waters.

"It is believed that the cause of the diminished run of fish at this season is due to the excessive number of nets being placed at the mouth of the streams and in the upper waters, leaving only space enough for the steamboats and other traffic to pass."

"Another cause for the scarcity of the run of fish is that there are twelve or thirteen fishing boats in the waters of Chesapeake Bay on the west side, between the mouth of the Potomac River and Fort Monroe. These fisheries are supposed to confine their catch to menhaden, which are converted into fish oil and scrap, but it has been the observation of this office that they do not discriminate between menhaden and other fish. In the spring large quantities of herring are converted into oil and scrap, and during the season any school of fish that is sighted by the boats is caught up by nets, regardless of species. From records of this office one of these fisheries catches annually about 25,000 tons of fish, and has in operation seven steamers engaged in fishing. A day's catch of one of these steamers is 100 to 200 tons of fish, which is not unusual. These figures of 25,000 tons of fish and seven boats should be multiplied by the number of fishing establishments in the district. It would probably give the total catch of fish for a season, so it can be readily understood why the run of fish this season was small. It is expected, if these conditions continue, that the current season will be reduced accordingly."

**Remedy for Conditions.**  
"The remedy for present conditions appears to be with the States of Maryland and Virginia. If the Legislatures of those States should enact laws prohibiting fertilizer factories in the States, and requiring the men that use trap nets to pay a license for that privilege, the revenue from those licenses would enable the States to patrol the waters and control the industry, as they do now with oyster and oyster grounds."

In a letter to the Secretary of Commerce transmitting the reports of the

## Nine Year Old Child Rescued From a Monster

The Child Could Not Have Endured the Awful Strain Much Longer.

At 120 South Linden Street resides Mrs. Florence S. Duggan and her two little sons, 11 and 9 years, respectively. Little 9-year-old Lonnie has been almost a constant sufferer of one malady or another for six years; has had three attacks of pneumonia, several attacks of fever; in fact, he had a cough at times that seemed as though he had consumption. He has had the best of attention from a loving mother's hand and the best of treatment, but the child could never fully regain perfect health. At times he had a ravenous appetite; then again the sight of food would nauseate him; stomach would be bloated, lumps would form; heart would jump and flutter; pains in back of head, sometimes over eyes; dizziness,

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army engineers on the subject, Acting Secretary Breckinridge, of the War Department, says: "As you are already aware, these nets were being increased to such an extent that some of them interfered with navigation, and this department therefore in January, 1912, issued regulations limiting their location to such extent as was believed necessary for the protection of navigation. Steps were taken to bring those regulations to the attention of the public in order that the fishermen might have a reasonable time to adjust themselves to the new conditions. It is the intention of this department to enforce those regulations. That must normally be done through the courts, upon complaint against specific nets. The district officer of the Baltimore district has been authorized, under certain restrictions, to proceed summarily against certain classes of offending nets in his district, when owners cannot be reached with sufficient promptness through the courts. If necessary, similar action will be authorized in the Washington and Norfolk districts."

## PLEADS GUILTY TO FRAUD CHARGE

Piano Company Admits Justice of Case Made by Post-Office.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Lynchburg, Va., September 9.—The case against the members of the Harpington Piano Company, of Greenfield, Ohio, who were arrested following an indictment here last September under the charge of the fraudulent use of mails for an alleged fake piano sale, in Lynchburg, Va., was its finality in the United States District Court here this morning, when J. W. Sprinkle, one of the members of the firm, entered a plea of guilty to the indictment, and was fined \$1,000 and ordered to pay the costs of the entire proceeding. The other members of the firm, J. A. Hays and H. C. Keefer, were dismissed, following the entering of a nolle prosequi against them on the indictments.

Mr. Sprinkle immediately made provision for the costs of the case and paid the fine, and he, too, was dismissed from custody. The firm opened a piano store here early last year and conducted a guessing contest through the local papers, this leading to an investigation of the concern's methods by post-office inspectors, and it resulted in the charge that the operations of the company were not in accord with claims made in letters and circulars sent through the mails to possible customers. This led to a recommendation for an indictment by Inspector L. H. Mitchell. The indictment was returned by the grand jury a year ago here, and then early this year the defendants made a hard fight against being brought here when taken before a commissioner at Chillicothe, Ohio. The case was continued at the March term, but witnesses had been summoned for trial this term.

**Engagement Announced.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Cumberland, Va., September 9.—Mr. and Mrs. David Stuart, of Cumberland, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Maude Blumires, to George Garland Wilkins, of Cumberland, the marriage to take place at Cumberland Presbyterian Church on October 7. Miss Stuart is well known socially in Virginia, and is a granddaughter of the late Wright Barber, of "Longwood," Prince Edward county, and formerly of Bradford, England. Mr. Wilkins is prominent in both the social and business circles of Cumberland.

**Negro Laborer Drowned.**  
Danville, Va., September 9.—William Holt, a colored laborer, was drowned here this evening when he fell into a twelve-foot reservoir used to supply the boiler of an industrial plant. He was doing concrete work on the edge of the basin when he lost his balance and tumbled in, drowning in view of a score of dorkies, who were shouting directions to him. The body was recovered this morning, and a coroner deemed an inquest unnecessary.

weak, rundown, tired, languid feeling. His mother said: "I have to be very careful of him; it seems as though I have to give this child some kind of medicine all the time. He has had a bronchial trouble ever since he was born. I was afraid he inherited the tubercular disease that his father succumbed to; but after reading in the paper about the worms that affect children and adults, and how the wonderful Quaker Herb Extract that the Health Teacher has introduced here would expel all worms from child or adult without sickness, dieting or any ill effect, I decided to try them, and a thousand times pleased I am, for after giving it only six days, Little Lonnie expelled a monster life-sapping tapeworm forty-one feet in length, head and all complete, and I

## News of Petersburg

The Times-Dispatch Bureau,  
5 Bollingbrook Street,  
Petersburg, Va., September 9.

The Board of Aldermen last night devoted its session mainly to routine business connected with the different municipal departments, and no occurrence in matters passed upon and sent up by the Council. These embraced appropriations for the department of public works, and for special improvements in response to a communication from Mayor Cabbess, calling for action.

Looking to an adequate supply of pure water for the city, a resolution was adopted requesting the Water Committee to begin at once the laying of a pipe line from Battersea Avenue, in the extreme western part of the city, to the settling basin, on St. Andrew Street, for the purpose of river water, that the entire city might be supplied with filtered water. An objection was raised to this action at this time, for the reason that the whole question of water supply is now in the hands of a special joint committee of the Council, and that it would be well to await the report and recommendations of that committee. The objection, however, did not prevail, and the resolution was passed.

A resolution was offered by Alderman Poole, and unanimously adopted, requesting the School Board to take the necessary steps to open the playgrounds of the city to the children after school hours and on Saturdays. The white school grounds are to be used for white children and the colored school grounds for colored children. The Board appropriated \$1,175 for the construction of a storm sewer on Union Street, from Halifax to Washington Street, and \$200 for the purchase of a horse for the Water Department. An appropriation was also made to cover the expense incurred by the city in the funeral of the late Mayor George Cameron.

Letters were read from Mrs. Elizabeth Bolling Cameron, the widow of Mayor Cameron, and from George Maybank, Sr., his father, expressing appreciation of the sympathy shown on the death of the Mayor. These letters were ordered to be filed and placed on record in the minutes of the Board.

**Secretary Martin's Visit.**  
Secretary Martin of the Chamber of Commerce, on a recent visit to Washington, discussed the subject of the proposed national battlefield park, at Petersburg, with the Virginia Senators and Representative Watson. It is understood that at the coming regular session of Congress a bill will be introduced in the Senate by Senator Swanson, and in the House by Representative Watson, looking to the establishment of the park. The features of the bill are yet to be agreed upon, and Judge Watson will later visit Petersburg to consult with the city fathers. The park, if established, will embrace The Crater and many of the historic battlefields and forts in that vicinity. Some of the severest battles of the war were fought in front of Petersburg in 1864-65. Thousands of people from the North and South visit these historic points every year, and all who come to the city in a national park. Several of the States have erected handsome monuments near Petersburg, and many other beautiful monuments would go up if a national park were established.

**Death of Mrs. Woody.**  
Mrs. Anne Watson Woody, wife of Harry M. Woody, died this morning at her home on Market Street, after a brief illness, at her home on Market Street. She was suddenly stricken yesterday morning, and never regained consciousness. Mrs. Woody was widely known, and beloved in the city. She was in the thirty-third year of her age, was the daughter of the late John Watson, and is survived by her husband, one son and one brother, Leslie Watson, of Atlanta, Ga.

**Fire in Prince George.**  
The barn on the farm of T. J. Williamson, in Rives district, Prince George county, was destroyed by fire at an early hour yesterday morning. Beyond doubt the fire is believed to have been the work of an incendiary. Mr. Williamson lost a considerable quantity of grain and provender, stored in the barn, together with his farming implements and other property. The estimates of his loss are at \$3,000, on which there was but small insurance.

**Arm Broken by Accident.**  
T. M. Bellamy, of Norfolk, who owns the Violet Bank farm, in Chesterfield, just across the river from Petersburg, and has expended much money in developing the "Colonial Heights" property as a residential suburb, met with a painful accident yesterday. He was attempting at the time, at the Violet Bank farm, to crank his automobile, when his handle sprang back, striking his right arm with great force. He sustained a compound fracture of the bones at the elbow.

**Narrow Escape.**  
Eldridge Marks, a young man employed at Reed's bicycle establishment, on Halifax Street, had a narrow escape from serious injury this morning. At the corner of Sydney and Market Streets, while riding his bicycle, he struck against one of the mules driven to the Standard Oil Company's wagon, and was thrown beneath the feet of the animal. The mule reared and jumped over Mr. Marks, fortunately missing him with his feet. Mr. Marks was bruised and dazed by his fall, but, fortunately, escaped serious injury.

**General News Notes.**  
It is expected that Bryant, of this city, will be appointed storekeeper in the customs department here. He has taken the civil service examination, and is in line for the position.

The name of Bernard Mann, of this

city, having been mentioned for collector of customs from the Virginia district, when the term of the present incumbent expires. Mr. Mann settles the matter by announcing that he is not a candidate for the position.

Samuel W. Arrington, a former citizen and well-known educator of Petersburg, has been appointed principal of the high school at Smithfield, Isle of Wight County.

W. Don McCabe Jr., formerly of Petersburg, now of Charlottesville, Va., was in the city to-day, and left later to join his wife in Massachusetts. Mrs. W. M. Rucker was operated on Sunday afternoon at the Petersburg Hospital for appendicitis, and is getting on well.

The will of the late Frank M. D'Alton was probated yesterday afternoon, his widow, Mrs. Jennie D'Alton, qualifying as administratrix.

### DAUGHTERS OF CONFEDERACY SELECT NEW OFFICERS

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Bedford, Va., September 9.—At the annual meeting of the William R. Terry Chapel, United Daughters of the Confederacy, besides other items of business, the officers were elected for the ensuing two years, thus serving the organization.

Mrs. W. J. Phillips was nominated and unanimously elected president. Mrs. Phillips being secretary, it was decided to elect a successor and Mrs. W. A. Fitzpatrick was chosen. Mrs. P. L. Saunders was elected first vice-president, Mrs. S. Grillon, second vice-president, Miss Mary Hurt, who has served as treasurer for eight years, was again chosen by acclamation.

Mrs. E. D. Gregory was re-elected historian, Miss Belle Thomas custodian, Mrs. John S. Burks, registrar. This chapter is entitled to four delegates to the convention of the Virginia division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and they were elected as follows: Mrs. W. J. Phillips, Mrs. P. L. Saunders, Mrs. W. J. Phillips, the retiring and newly elected president; Miss Mary Hurt, Mrs. E. D. Gregory, Mrs. J. J. Scott, Mrs. Paul Bargman, Miss Lella Early.

The amendment to be decided at the convention by the vote of each chapter as to whether an addition of 5 cents from each member for educational purposes be assessed, was voted against.

### MYSTERIOUS SHOOTING.

Sam Carr Shot Down While in Friendly Conversation.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Staunton, Va., September 9.—When Sam Carr, a young man, was shot down last night, the shooting occurred Sunday about midnight near the home of Sidney Painter, near Midway. They had been friendly, and just as they were about to separate, Henry Fitzgerald, one of the party, drew a revolver, and, saying to Carr he was going to kill him, fired two shots, wounding a deep furrow across Carr's forehead, the other entering near the left temple, and inflicting a wound the seriousness of which cannot yet be determined.

Fitzgerald disappeared and has not been caught. Nothing whatever is known of the motive. Carr, accompanied by his wife, was taken to his home and a doctor summoned. An examination located the bullet, which surgeons are probing for.

### MASSONS ENTERTAIN.

Visitors From Other Lodges Are Guests

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Bowling Green, Va., September 9.—A district convention of Kilwinning-Crosse Lodge No. 2-27, of Free Masons, was held here Monday night on the lawn of the residence of Isaac Ladfield, administrator, was argued and submitted. The case of Jacobs vs. Warren was argued in part and continued.

The grand master was introduced by T. A. Aaron, of Richmond, who is a member of this lodge. Mr. Aaron was presented with a Masonic Jewel by Richard L. Beale on behalf of the lodge at this place. The Masonic quartet, of Richmond, and Mrs. Nide, of Fredericksburg, were present, and entertained the audience.

### ALTA VISTA IS CONDUCTED ON BUSINESS-LIKE BASIS

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Altavista, Va., September 9.—The new incorporated town of Altavista, Va., decided that 50 cents on the \$1 will bring a sufficient amount of revenue to discharge all obligations, although the taxable property, including a mile each of the Southern Railway and the Norfolk and Western, amounts to only \$150,000.

This town has been under its own government for ten months, and although there has been no income for taxes, the town has been able to maintain itself by the expense of lights and police has been heavy. This record was brought about by Mayor Thornton, who follows the letter of the law, and very few taxpayers expect without contributing to the upkeep of the town.

### County Committee Organizes.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Tazewell, Va., September 9.—Without a dissenting voice, A. S. Higginbotham was re-elected county chairman of the Democratic County Committee to-day at a joint meeting of the committee. H. Claude Poole was elected secretary. Another meeting of the committee will be held on September 20, when an effort will be made to secure a candidate for the Legislature from the Tazewell and Buchanan legislative district. It is known that J. W. Chapman has been urged for the nomination, and it is said that he may accept.

### Call Extended to Pastor.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Staunton, Va., September 9.—At a congregational meeting held Sunday at Olivet Presbyterian Church, two members of the congregation, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Poole, were called to the pulpit in connection with the pastorate of the pastor of the church in this city, which has been started by the First Church, Dr. Walton had a charge at Atlanta, Ga., but he was poisoned with pneumonia, and for a year his health was in a very precarious condition, forcing him to give up that charge. In the spring he came to Staunton for his health, which has been fully restored, and it is believed he will accept the work here.

## ELLYSON VISITS NORMAL SCHOOL

Lieutenant-Governor Deeply Impressed With Institution at Fredericksburg.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Fredericksburg, Va., September 9.—J. Taylor Ellyson, of Richmond, Lieutenant-Governor of Virginia, arrived here last evening, and was the guest last night of Colonel E. D. Cole and family, on Washington Avenue. To-day the Lieutenant-Governor visited the Fredericksburg State Normal School, of which Professor E. H. Russell is the president, and was shown over the school. He was much impressed with the beauty of the grounds and buildings and the equipment of the institution. In company with Mr. A. Williams, D. D., Professor E. H. Russell and Linwood Jones, Lieutenant-Governor Ellyson then went in Mr. Jones's automobile to New Hope Baptist Church, in lower Orange county, to attend the session of Goshen Baptist Association.

Judge T. R. B. Wright, of Tappahannock, presiding judge of the circuit which includes Essex County and Northern Neck, has returned from the mountains of North Carolina, where he spent a vacation of a month. This is said to be the first vacation Judge Wright has taken since his elevation to the bench, in 1912, twenty-one years ago, and during that period he has, in an exception of the month just ended, never missed a term of the Circuit Court in any of the counties of his district.

A petition is being circulated in Rappahannock District, King George county, requesting the court to call an election on the question of issuing bonds for the permanent improvement of the roads in that district. Only a few water for power, for the most part, and these will be secured in the next day or two, when the petition will be presented to Judge R. H. L. Chichester, of the Circuit Court of King George county. It is expected that he will call an election at an early date.

Goshen Baptist Association met to-day in annual session at New Hope Baptist Church, in lower Orange county. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. T. A. Harris, of Minerva. A number of persons from this city attended the meeting, including Rev. R. A. Williams, D. D., Linwood Jones, B. S. Paterson, of Stafford, and others. The Baptist Church here, Professor E. H. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Covey, Mrs. Mary Quinn-Hicks, Lee J. Graves and others. The sessions will continue three days.

The water in the Rappahannock River, because of the dry weather which has prevailed, had reached such a low point it was difficult to get sufficient water for power for the most part, and yesterday the water level increased 10 per cent, which relieved the situation to some extent.

A Bible school institute opened at Rock Hill Baptist Church, in Stafford county, yesterday, and will continue through Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, adjourning Friday night. Rev. A. J. Cummings is the pastor of the church, and H. L. Swain is instructor of the institute. A program has been arranged for each day and night.

**Work of Supreme Court.**  
Staunton, Va., September 9.—In the Supreme Court to-day, the case of the Powhatan Lime Company vs. Isaac Ladfield, administrator, was argued and submitted. The case of Jacobs vs. Warren was argued in part and continued.

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## MEMORY OF PIONEER EDUCATOR HONORED

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Bristol, Va., September 9.—The neglected grave of Samuel Doak, pioneer educator and minister, who migrated from Pennsylvania into the Appalachian region with the sturdy Scotch-Irish settlers, who founded Presbyterianism in this region, is to be claimed and marked by a massive granite monument.

The Doak monument committee, Dr. A. S. N. Dobson, chairman, has let the contract for a monument, which will be erected before the close of the present year. The moss-grown slab, beneath a tangle of wild grass, in the historic cemetery at Salem Church, in Washington county, Tennessee, will be removed and the granite monument placed in its stead.

Doak not only founded Salem Church and Washington College, but other schools, and it was he who prayed God's blessing upon the soldiers of the American Revolution when they started on the march from Sycamore Shoals, in East Tennessee, to battle with the British soldiers at King's Mountain. Miss Merriam, which proved to be the turning point in the Revolution.

Doak's school in Washington College, was at one time the centre of education for a wide territory, extending to the Mississippi, and the college records show that at one time twenty-five men served in the two houses of

**JUST AS USUAL,  
LOVE FINDS WAY**

Parental Objections Fail to Keep Young People From Matrimony.

Charlottesville, Va., September 9.—At 10:30 o'clock this morning the last chapter of an elopement was enacted in the parlor of Mrs. E. A. Mayo, 519 East Main Street, when Miss Bertha M. Merritt, of Clifton Forge, was married to George A. Kenney, of Albemarle county, by Dr. George L. Petrie, of the Presbyterian Church.

When parental objection placed obstacles in the path of the young people, they devised a plan to go to another city to be united. Miss Merritt was night watched from her window for her lover's signal lamp across the street, and when its gleam told her all was ready she slipped from the house and dressed for travel in the home of a friend. The pair then boarded Chesapeake and Ohio train No. 2 for this city, arriving here at 3:30 this morning. The bride was immediately taken in charge by Mrs. C. A. Mayo, and this morning came the preacher was summoned.

### CLASS ELECTS OFFICERS.

Students at Wake Forest Getting Down to Work.  
Wake Forest, N. C., September 9.—This year's senior class has elected A. O. Dickens, of Rocky Mount, N. C., president. The other officers are as follows: S. W. White, vice-president; R. F. Paschal, secretary; N. J. Shepherd, treasurer; C. W. Mitchell, historian; H. H. Johnson, prophet; C. J. Whittey, orator; E. P. Stillwell, statesman; R. J. Hart, poet; John Watson, testator. This year's class numbers about eighty men, including the academic, law and medical departments.

Dr. Hubert M. Pfoest, director of the College Glee Club and Orchestra, has issued the call for candidates, nearly all of the old men of the club are back in college. In addition to them, there are several promising candidates for the freshmen class. The club's fall trip, which will be taken Thanksgiving week, will include Charlotte, Asheville and other points.

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